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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my disappointment about the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial.

The proposed settlement will have little, if any, effect in curbing Microsoft's illegal behavior. Having read both Judge Jackson's "Findings of Fact" and "Final Judgement" in the antitrust trial and the appellate court's decision, and having read the proposed settlement, it is difficult to imagine how Microsoft's attorney's were able to so successfully roll the government negotiator, in light of the malicious behavior of which Microsoft was found guilty. The proposed settlement has holes big enough to fly a Microsoft 777 through.

Microsoft is an unrepentant monopolist. Microsoft's past actions have hurt the marketplace and its present actions continue to do so, even after having been found guilty of egregiously violating antitrust laws. For example, after having been found guilty in the antitrust trial, Microsoft has subverted the "open" kerberos security standard in a way that can have only adverse consequences for platform-independent computing, effectively preventing non-Microsoft software from seamlessly interoperating with Microsoft software in a networked computing environment. This decreases consumer choice, thus stifling competition.

The government won the case, and won it bigtime. The proposed settlement is in proportion with neither the magnitude of the government's victory in the case, nor the magnitude of the egregious actions Microsoft took to stifle competition in the marketplace, for which they were found guilty.

The proposed settlement must be thrown out and a settlement -- which should include a large fine (\$5 billion, at least) and serious restrictions on Microsoft's conduct -- should be pursued.

Regards,

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